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SUBJECT: GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE - REVIEW OF CONSULAR
PROTECTION OF US CITIZENS DURING CRISIS

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1. FOLLOWING LETTER DATED NOV 27 ADDRESS TO AMBASSADOR FROM
HEAD OF GAO TEAM IS SELF EXPLANATORY.
2. "IN CONNECTION WITH OUR REVIEW OF THE EMBASSY'S CONSULAR
FUNCTIONS IN MAXIMIZING PROTECTION TO AMERICANS DURING AND
AFTER THE COUP OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1973, WE WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW
THE EMBASSY'S AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S DAILY POLITICAL
ASSESSMENTS FROM APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK BEFORE THE COUP TO
3 WEEKS FOLLOWING THE COUP.
3. "WE ARE INTERESTED IN ALL TYPES OF DOCUMENTS, CABLES,
AND MESSAGES BEARING ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHILE DURING
THIS PERIOD OF TIME, BUT ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN
IN DISCUSSIONS LEADING TO A RENEWAL OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES. WE UNDERSTAND THE LACK OF FULL DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS
FOLLOWING THE COUP PREVENTED THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY AT
THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL FROM COMMUNICATING DIRECTLY WITH THE
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CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY ON BEHALF OF AMERICANS HELD IN

CHILEAN PRISONS. WE REALIZE THAT MANY OF THESE DOCUMENTS ARE
HIGHLY SENSITIVE AND ARE RESTRICTED TO A LIMITED DISTRIBUTION.
IN MOST INSTANCES WE BELIEVE A READING OF THE DOCUMENTS WILL
SUFFICE, AND WE WILL ONLY REQUEST COPIES OR EXTRACTS OF
DOCUMENTS THAT WE FEEL ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO OUR REVIEW.

4. "YOUR EARLY CONSIDERATION OF OUR REQUEST WILL ASSIST US
IN COMPLETING OUR REVIEW. SINCERELY YOURS, RAYMOND A. PLUNKETT."

5. WE UNDERSTAND DEPT REPLY TO REFTEL ENROUTE. WILL MAKE IT
BASIS OF OUR REPLY TO GAO TEAM, TO BE GIVEN THEM AT NEXT
MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR FRIDAY, NOV 29 A.M.
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